

4. (Amended) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises at least a second computer system, which is connected to the Internet and can communicate with the first computer system.
5. (Amended) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second computer system comprises a fax server.
6. (Amended) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the program comprises at least one prompted user program and one unprompted user program.
7. (Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system, in particular of operating the online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, comprising the following steps:
display of the start page,
preferably user input of a geographical specification,
response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food outlets and display of the food outlets, preferably within the specified geographical area,
user input in such a way that one of the displayed food outlets is selected,
response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food outlets and display of the items of food offered by the food outlet selected,
user input in such a way that one of the displayed items of food is selected or a table reservation is made,
response of the system to the user input and transmission of the order to the food outlet selected.

8. The method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in claim 7,
characterized in that the transmission of the order takes place on a fax machine at
the selected food outlet.
9. (Amended) The method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in claim 7,
characterized in that it also comprises the following steps:
displaying various categories of food,
user input of a specific category of the categories of food displayed, and
response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food
outlets and display of the food outlets which offer the category of food selected.
10. (Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that it also comprises the following step:
transmitting a message to the orderer on the success/failure of passing on the
order to the food outlet.
11. (Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that it also comprises the following steps:
display of price categories of the food outlets,
user input of a specific category of the price categories displayed, and
response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food
outlets and display of the food outlets which ass into the price categories selected.
12. (Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that it also comprises the following step:
user input of a delivery time and storage of the same by the system.

13. (Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in

claim 1, characterized in that it also comprises the following step:

user input of a delivery address and storage of the same by the system.

Cancel claim 14 and insert the following new claim 15:

15. Use of an online ordering system for food outlets, comprising:

at least a first computer system which is accessible via the Internet under at least one domain, in which data on food outlets are stored and on which a program runs,

in each case a communication connection which can be established at least temporarily between the computer system and at least a large number of all the food outlets covered and which in each case,

connects an output device and/or display device at the food outlets to the first computer system,

for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 7.